

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE GRAND  
HOTEL WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY 6TH. AND 7TH. MARCH,  
1957 COMMENCING AT 10.0 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

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PRESENT: Messrs. J.W. Fraser (Chairman), E.D. Williams, H. Cloake, J.D. Lorimer, G.E. Gumbrell, W.I. Haines and the General Secretary (Mr. R.A. Fraser.)

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received from Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor of the N.Z. Beekeeper, who was in hospital.  
- decided to send a telegram to Mr. McFadzien extending greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

MINUTES of the meeting held in Wellington on 24th. and 25th. October 1956 having been circulated to members, were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Cloake.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES were covered under the following correspondence and dealt with as shown.

TO Manager H.M.A. conveying Conference recommendations  
- approved (No reply to hand.)

TO Minister of Agriculture re Research Officer for South Island - approved.

FROM Minister advising that question was being investigated  
- received.

TO Director of Horticulture re introduction of honey-producing plants into N.Z. for Soil Conservation purposes - approved (No reply to hand.)

TO Minister of Agriculture re eradication of Foul Brood and conveying Conference resolution - approved.

FROM Same advising that no increase would be made in allocation of funds for part-time inspectors as present allocation was not fully used - received.

TO Minister of Agriculture conveying several Conference resolutions - approved.

FROM Same advising that matters were being investigated  
- received.

MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION REVIEW.

In terms of the direction from the previous meeting, the Secretary presented an analysis of subscriptions for the previous year ended 31.5.56 for each Branch and Head Office. The overall



position was as follows :-

SCALE OF SUBSCRIPTION.	NUMBER.	TOTAL REVENUE PRODUCED.		
7/6	166	62.	5.	0.
10/-	63	31.	10.	0.
15/-	19	14.	5.	0.
20/-	18	18.	0.	0.
25/-	14	17.	10.	0.
30/-	8	12.	0.	0.
35/-	5	8.	15.	0.
40/-	10	20.	0.	0.
45/-	5	11.	5.	0.
50/-	23	57.	10.	0.
55/-	3	8.	5.	0.
60/-	7	21.	0.	0.
65/-	8	26.	0.	0.
70/-	4	14.	0.	0.
75/-	68	255.	0.	0.
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	421	£ 576.	0.	0.

Of 36 direct subscriptions eleven were at the minimum rate of 7/6d.

Several alternative suggestions for increasing subscriptions were discussed and finally the following resolution moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Lorimer, was put and carried

"That it be a recommendation to Conference that the minimum subscription be raised to ten shillings (10/-) per annum and that the graduated scale of subscriptions be extended to a maximum of five pounds (£5) for 600 hives."

*Note*

#### PRICE DECONTROL AND PRICE INDEX.

The General Secretary and Chairman reviewed the steps which had been taken in pursuing the application for decontrol of honey prices which had resulted in an official announcement on the 4th. March that price control on honey had been removed.

The efforts made to secure the issue of the promised Price Index by the Authority were also outlined as were the outcome of these efforts. It was reported that despite repeated requests the Authority consistently refused to take any action with regard to the preparation of a Price List until a few weeks prior to decontrol taking effect. At that stage it was stated that the only prices which would be covered were those of packs which the Authority was handling, and a meeting between the General Secretary and the Chairman and Manager of the Authority had reached agreement on the proposed prices at all stages of sale for the six different packs which were to be covered. The Chairman and Manager of the Authority had also stated emphatically that it had never been the intention of the



Authority to distribute the price list to every commercial beekeeper, further that it did not have the facilities to do so and that if such was desired the N.B.A. would have to arrange the printing and distribution of the Price List itself. It had thereupon been decided that the General Secretary would arrange the printing and distribution of the price list detailing the prices for the Authority's six packs over the Authority's name and below these, the prices recommended by the N.B.A. for the balance of packs detailed in the Government Price Order No. 1664. A draft had been prepared by the General Secretary along these lines, when on the 4th. of March he was advised by the Chairman of the Authority that that body was no longer prepared to list the recommended selling-price of Wholesalers to Retailers and Retailers to Consumers, following discussions on prices with representatives of the Wholesaler and Retailer organisations. The General Secretary had therefore re-drafted the Price Index to follow the setting-out of the Government Price Order, embodying an average increase of 10% in producers' prices and maintaining resellers' margins of profit at existing levels, the Index thus amended to be issued over the name of the Association. Copies of the Printer's proof were submitted to members for perusal. A draft of an article by the Editor to accompany the new Price Index to producers was also submitted to members for perusal.

Members discussed the position at length and finally it was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Williams "That the draft Price Index prepared by the General Secretary and the draft article prepared by the Editor be approved and that the Secretary be empowered to arrange for the immediate printing and distribution of same." - Carried.

In this connection the Secretary advised that both were already set in type and printing could be commenced immediately the printer received a phone message from him. Envelopes were addressed and stamped ready for the despatch of the material to every commercial beekeeper in the country.

It was further decided "That the President make an immediate statement to the press on the price increases which the industry was seeking and giving an indication of the rise which could be expected in Consumer Prices."



The failure of the Authority to honour it's promises with regard to the issue of the Price Index was viewed with concern by members, and the Chairman mentioned that he had extended an invitation to the Chairman of the Authority (through the General Secretary) to meet the Executive for discussion on the matter. The Secretary advised that he had arranged for Mr. Field to ring that morning to ascertain the time at which the Executive desired to meet him. No communication however had been received from Mr. Field.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Lorimer, seconded by Mr. Cloake "That a further invitation be extended (by 'phone) to Mr. Field to meet the Executive on 7th. March to discuss the Price Index and other matters of mutual interest."

#### TOXIC PESTICIDES.

At this juncture the Executive received Mr. A.M. Greig, Director of Horticulture and Mr. T.S. Winter, Superintendant of Beekeeping, who attended at the request of the Executive.

The Chairman mentioned the fact that no further information had been received regarding the promised Agricultural Chemicals Bill since the amended draft had been submitted to interested organisations over 6 months ago and asked what the present position was.

Mr. Greig stated that he understood that there were certain difficulties arising with regard to the registration provisions of the Bill which were causing concern to the Dept. and to the Chemical Manufacturers. Until these difficulties were overcome there was likely to be some delay and for this reason the Apiaries Protection Regulations had been offered to the Industry as a stop-gap measure. Mr. Greig expressed his surprise that these Regulations had so far not been accepted by the Executive. The Chairman pointed out to Mr. Greig that the Executive did not consider the Regulations to be a complete answer to the problems associated with pesticides and that they were therefore anxious not to accept any partial measure which may jeopardise the chances of securing the full protection which only the proposed Agricultural Chemicals Act could offer. The Executive were concerned that if the Apiaries Protection Regulations were accepted the Government might "pigeon-hole" the Agricultural Chemicals Bill. The Chairman further advised Mr. Greig that it was the



Executive's intention to meet the Minister to discuss this question on the following day.

re ACARINE DISEASE.

Mr. Greig informed the Executive that the Department was at present planning new and more stringent measures for the control of Acarine Disease where outbreaks occurred. At present these were only in the drafting stage and he promised to acquaint the Executive more fully on the Department's proposals when they were finalised.

IDENTIFICATION OF OUT-APIARIES.

Mr. Greig further advised that as the appeal to beekeepers to voluntary mark their out-apiaries to enable easy identification had not proved successful, the Department was planning to introduce further regulations under the Apiaries Act to deal with this problem. He outlined two alternative methods of marking apiaries and asked the Executive's opinion of the proposals. Members agreed to support the Department in this matter and expressed the opinion that a numerical identification mark would be preferable to the printing of the owner's name on the hive-boxes.

Messrs. Greig and Winter were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BILL.

Advice was received from the Minister's Secretary at this juncture, that the Minister would be unable to meet the Executive on the following day as he would be absent from Wellington.

Decided that the President and Secretary endeavour to see the Minister on 19th. March, providing him with written statement of the Executive's attitude and pressing for the early introduction of the Bill.

(Earlier that day the Executive had accepted an invitation to attend a joint meeting of representatives of Federated Farmers, N.Z. Fruitgrowers' Federation, H.T.A., and Commercial Gardeners' Association to discuss the Agricultural Chemicals Bill. These organisations were sending a combined deputation to wait upon the Minister to seek the introduction of the Bill and invited the N.B.A. to join with them. While members supported the convening organisations in their action, it was decided that the N.B.A. would



make it's own representations as mentioned above.)

The meeting adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Thursday 10.0 a.m.

Resumption.

H.M.A. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

The Chairman elaborated on his written report to members and this was discussed at length. Some surprise was expressed by members at the lack of administrative procedure to control the functions of the Authority and the Chairman stated his intention as N.B.A. representative, of moving to have certain rules of conduct introduced by the Authority at it's next meeting; these to cover

1. Provisions relating to the calling of meetings on the requisition of H.M.A. members, and the regular holding of meetings.
2. Provisions regarding the rescinding of previous resolutions.
3. The committing of reports of all meetings, interviews etc. to writing as a record of actions taken by duly appointed representatives of the Authority.

Members expressed their continued confidence in the Chairman as N.B.A. representative on the Authority and thanked him for his report.

TRANSPORT REGULATIONS.

Mr. Gumbrell reported on discussions which he had had with Transport Section Secretary of Federated Farmers, concerning the licensing of Farmers (including beekeepers) heavy vehicles. It appeared that the Transport Department was intent to make the operating of vehicles of 6½ tons or over as difficult as possible for primary producers and this had been demonstrated in a recent court case.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Cloake, "That the Secretary write to Federated Farmers expressing concern at the administration of the Transport Regulations and at the restrictive provisions of the regulations themselves, and offering to support any further efforts of the Federation in seeking amendment to the Regulations to ease the restriction on the heavy traffic licences for farmers and beekeepers."



MEAD PRODUCTION.

The Secretary detailed the action which had been taken in line with the last Conference recommendation that the Executive apply for an amendment to the Licensing Act to enable the production and sale of Honey Mead. At the request of the Minister of Justice the Secretary had submitted an application for consideration of the matter at a sitting of the Government Select Committee on the Wine Industry. The Committee would be considering the application along with others and would be conveying it's decision in due course.

H.M.A. REGULATIONS 1953 - AMENDMENT NO. 2.

The Secretary advised that he had been supplied with a draft of the above amendment and had conveyed approval to the Director-General of Agriculture as the Amendment fully met the Associations request for adjustment of voting qualifications. - Action approved.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER FORMS.

The Secretary sought approval for his action in supplying branches free of cost with blank forms for collection of outstanding subscriptions.

Members signified their agreement with this action both in the present instance and for future occasions.

DEFUNCT BRANCHES.

The Secretary reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Manawatu Branch at which a resolution to wind-up had been passed. He outlined the feelings of members who attended and advised that in his opinion the course which had been taken was the only practical one in the circumstances. He had met the debit bank balance of £1. 18. 8 and outstanding branch audit fee of £2. 2. 0 from the consolidated funds.

Moved by Mr. Cloake, seconded by Mr. Williams "That the Secretary's action in winding-up the Manawatu Branch and in paying the Branch's outstanding accounts of £4. 0. 8 be approved" - Carried.

CIRCULAR SERVICE.

Members made mention of the fact that some branch members were becoming direct members in order to receive the Head Office circulars which were sent to Branches and direct members, and concern was expressed lest this have a serious effect on future branch membership. After some discussion it was Resolved on the





motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell "That members be advised through Branch Circular and notice in the Journal that as from the commencement of the next financial year those desiring to receive copies of Conference Agenda and Head Office circulars may do so on payment of ten shillings (10/-) in advance, direct to the General Secretary."

Note

MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN OF H.M.A.

At 2.30 p.m. the Chairman welcomed Mr. E.A. Field, Chairman of the N.Z. Honey Marketing Authority and an informal discussion was held on various aspects of the Authority's working and on the issue of the Honey Price Index. (During most of this discussion the Secretary was absent while preparing a statement for the Press on the new honey prices.)

SECRETARY'S SALARY.

During the Secretary's absence and after Mr. Field had left the meeting the question of the Secretary's salary was discussed.

When he rejoined the meeting the following resolution, moved by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Gumbrell was passed

"That the Secretary's salary be increased by £25 per annum as from 1st. June 1957."



GENERAL.

A number of general matters including the possibility of the Association undertaking an advertising programme for honey, were discussed briefly but no decision reached and the meeting then terminated.

CONFIRMED.

DATE.....

CHAIRMAN.....



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE  
RIVERINA HOTEL, HAMILTON ON MONDAY 29TH. JULY 1957 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Messrs. J.W. Fraser (Chairman), E.D. Williams, G.E. Gumbrell, J.D. Lorimer, H. Cloake, W.I. Haines and the General Secretary (Mr. R.A. Fraser.)

ATTENDING Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor of the "N.Z. Beekeeper."

MINUTES of the meeting held in Wellington on 6th. and 7th. March 1957 having been circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Williams.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS.

The Secretary read the draft of the Annual Report to be presented to Conference and this was approved on the motion of Mr. Lorimer, seconded by Mr. Haines.

The financial accounts for the year ended 31st. May were presented by the Secretary and copies made available to members. In reviewing the results of the year's working he drew attention to the following points :-

- A. The year had started with £80 less in hand than in the previous year.
- B. Current Branch Subscriptions had risen by £8 and direct subscriptions by £10. Advance subscriptions totalled £97 the majority of this being in respect of new members who had joined under the special offer in February 1957.
- C. The cost of Printing the N.Z. Beekeeper had risen by almost £20.
- D. The cost of Executive Meetings had risen by £85 the major portion of this being accounted for in an increase of £57 in travelling expenses claimed.

Members discussed these points at some length and finally on the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded by the Chairman it was resolved "That the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st. May, 1957 be adopted."

INSURANCE TRUST FUND.

It was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Williams as a recommendation to the incoming Executive "That steps be taken



as soon as possible to transfer funds from the Trading Account at the Bank of New Zealand to the Post Office Savings Account sufficient to meet the ledger balance in the Association's Insurance Trust Account." - Carried.

HONEY PRICE INDEX.

The Chairman reviewed the developments which had taken place since the March Meeting when the Executive authorised the release of the Honey Price Index No. 1. Opposition had been expressed by the Wholesalers' Federation and the Master Grocers' Association at the attempt of the Association to peg their percentages of profit to the levels which existed under Price Control. (Copies of relevant correspondence had been circulated to Executive Members.) Nevertheless he considered that the Index had fulfilled a most useful purpose as a stabilising factor and reasonable guide at a time when beekeepers especially were in a quandary over future prices. While the efforts of the Grocers' Association had resulted in varying retail price increases over those recommended by the N.B.A. it was significant that in some parts of the country, notably Manawatu, Wairarapa and Southland retailers had either made limited increases or else adhered entirely to the N.B.A. Index.

Members agreed in this view but at the same time it was generally felt that before the issue of a further Index some attempt should be made to reach agreement with wholesalers and Retailers over profit-margins. In this respect it was considered that any approach should be so timed as to not give the trade prior warning of an imminent price rise.

The question of a review of the Index was discussed but it was agreed that apart from minor discrepancies in some of the listed prices there was no immediate need for a revision of the Index as it affected beekeepers.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BILL AND APIARIES ACT AMENDMENT.

The Chairman traced the steps which the General Secretary and himself had taken since the date of the last Executive meeting in pursuing the Association's request for the early introduction of the proposed Agricultural Chemicals Bill. In line with the Executive's wishes, the Association's views had been presented personally to the Minister, and on receipt of his verbal assurance



that the Bill would be proceeded with the Association's acceptance of the new Apiaries Regulations dealing with pesticides had been indicated. The General Secretary had since communicated twice with the Acting Director-General of Agriculture in an endeavour to ascertain developments with the new Bill and had recently been advised that it was undergoing final revision before presentation to the house. It was not proposed to refer the draft to interested parties again but the Secretary had been advised that the Bill would still substantially meet the wishes of the beekeeping industry.

#### VISIT BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

At this juncture the meeting received Mr. A.M.W. Grieg, Director of Horticulture and Mr. T.S. Winter, Superintendant of Beekeeping, Department of Agriculture. Mr. Grieg elaborated on the progress being made with the Agricultural Chemicals Bill and advised that the previous registration provisions had been considerably modified.

With regard to the provision of a Diploma in Beekeeping under the aegis of the Royal Institute of Horticulture preparations were well advanced said Mr. Grieg, and the Minister would be introducing the necessary amendment to the Institute of Horticulture Act during the current session of Parliament. Referring to the Departments concern over the possible spread of outbreaks of acarine disease, Mr. Grieg detailed the control measures that the Department was planning, also measures to facilitate the identification of out-apiaries. Both of these steps would require an amendment to the Apiaries Act the drafts of which would be referred to the Executive prior to gazetting. Both officers were thanked for their attendance and reports before retiring from the meeting at 11.55 a.m.

#### JOURNAL PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION.

The Editor of the "N.Z. Beekeeper" Mr. McFadzien reported that over the past year the service rendered by the publishers Messrs. Beynon Printing Co. Ltd. had fallen off considerably especially with regard to mailing. Both himself and the General Secretary were continually receiving complaints about non-receipt of issues and despite repeated reference to the firm the position had continued to deteriorate. Through the services of Mr. Cloake who had been asked to investigate some cases of late publication, Mr. McFadzien advised that he had been



put in touch with another firm the "Timaru Herald" who had a much larger organisation and had expressed a desire to undertake the Association's work. After an initial approach through Mr. Cloake and the General Secretary Mr. McFadzien reported that he had interviewed the works manager of the firm and had been most impressed with the service which they were prepared to offer for a charge comparable with the Association's present printers. This included an "addressograph" mailing system which should prove particularly advantageous.

After discussion on the matter it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Haines "That the Herald Printing Works be engaged to publish and distribute the "N.Z. Beekeeper" on the basis of their written quotation commencing with the November 1957 issue."

(General Secretary to advise Beynons that their services would not be required after the August issue.)

#### H.M.A. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

The Chairman as the Association's representative on the Honey Marketing Authority reviewed the affairs of the Authority since the Executive's last meeting and elaborated on his two written reports which had previously been circulated to members. Considerable discussion ensued in which members expressed their continued confidence in their appointee.

#### RESEARCH OFFICER FOR SOUTH ISLAND.

The Secretary read a further letter from the Minister dated 29th. March in which he stated that he considered the appointment of another research officer unimportant but that he would bear in mind our request for a Fields Officer to study pollination later in the year when staffing was being examined. - Received - Decided to take no further action meantime.

#### UNION MEMBERSHIP.

The Secretary advised that there had been no further developments in the matter of the N.Z. Food Preserving, Chemical etc. Union's proposed action to have beekeepers' employees included in the scope of their award. He expressed the opinion that the Association should leave the matter lie rather than demonstrate it's concern by enquiring into the progress which the Union was making with it's



claims, as it appeared likely that the Union may now be prepared to let the matter drop. Members agreed with this course of inaction.

GRANT IN AID.

Correspondence was read from the South Canterbury Branch applying for financial assistance in the sum of £6. 0. 0 to assist in defraying additional expenses incurred in connection with the "Toxic Pesticide Problem". Messrs. Gumbrell and Cloake elaborated on the claim and as the Executive felt that the work done by the branch in this matter would reflect to the benefit of the Industry as a whole it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Lorimer seconded by Mr. Williams "That the sum of six pounds (£6. 0. 0) be granted to the South Canterbury Branch by way of re-imbursement for expenses incurred in assisting the Industry."

LICENSING - HONEY MEAD.

The Secretary advised that the results of the Association's application for the licensing of production and sale of Honey Mead were not yet known. Further to the presentation of an application to the Select Committee of the House dealing with the Wine Industry in February last he had written to the Minister of Justice for a reply only to be referred again to the Secretary of the Select Committee who had advised that until the Committee's findings were presented to Parliament no advice could be given.

NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION.

The Canterbury Branch advised that at a special meeting held on 16th. March to discuss the new Price Index the following resolution had been passed "That this combined meeting of Canterbury and South Canterbury Branches of the N.B.A. move a vote of No-confidence in the Chairman of the Honey Marketing for his lack of co-operation with other members of the Authority in issuing a full price Index."

The Secretary advised that as the matter was of a contentious nature he had held it for consideration of the Executive in committee.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the Executive could take any one of three possible courses of action with regard to the resolution; as follows :-



- A. Ignore it.
- B. Forward the resolution to the Chairman of the H.M.A. with the Executive's comment.
- C. Forward it without comment.

After due consideration it was decided "to forward the resolution to the Chairman of the H.M.A. without comment and to advise the Canterbury Branch of the action taken" (Motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cloake.)

#### 1956 MARKETING REMITS.

The Secretary read a letter from the H.M.A. dated 5th. April advising the steps proposed by the Authority to implement the recommendations of the 1956 Conference - received.

#### DEFUNCT BRANCHES.

Taranaki, Buller and King Country Branches requested permission to wind-up due to lack of support and changing conditions in their areas. Decided that the General Secretary be empowered to take what steps he considered necessary to effect the winding-up of these branches and the enrolment of remaining members as direct members.

#### POLLINATION.

The Secretary elaborated on his earlier written report to the Executive in connection with an address given to the Dominion Conference of Agriculture Section Federated Farmers on the subject of pollination which had resulted in that body passing a resolution supporting the N.B.A. in its efforts to secure an additional research officer to study pollination in this country. He referred also to the invaluable assistance and co-operation given by <sup>Mr.</sup> T. Palmer-Jones in attending the Conference with him. Members expressed their pleasure at the results which had been obtained and it was decided to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Palmer-Jones for his assistance.

#### TREATISE ON QUEEN REARING.

The Editor advised that he had received a request from the Author of an earlier book on Queen Rearing for the Association to sponsor the publication of a revised version of this treatise. This matter was considered at some length it being finally decided that



such sponsorship was not in the best interests of the Association. It was left to the Editor to advise the applicant accordingly.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. J.D. Lorimer on behalf of the South Auckland Branch sought the Executive's approval for the sponsorship of Mr. W.W. Nelson as a Life Member of the Association. After Mr. Lorimer had detailed the services of Mr. Nelson to the Industry over a long period it was decided "That the Executive support the nomination of Mr. W.W. Nelson for Life Membership in the Association."

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS.

At this juncture members gave consideration to the remits which were coming before Conference. Brief discussion ensued on a number of matters and in connection with remit No. 4. (Sponsored by the Executive) it was decided to present the remit in amended form by adding the words "Provided always that a member paying a minimum subscription of 10/- be entitled to only one vote."

This concluded the business of the Executive and the meeting then terminated.

CONFIRMED.

DATE... 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1957

CHAIRMAN... 



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE  
RIVERINA HOTEL ON THURSDAY 1ST. AUGUST 1957 at 3.0 P.M.

PRESENT: Messrs. J.W. Fraser (Chairman), J.R. Barber, G.E. Gumbrell, H. Cloake, J.D. Lorimer, R.R. Chandler and the General Secretary (Mr. R.A. Fraser.)

ATTENDING: Mr. J. McFadzien - Editor "N.Z. Beekeeper."

The Chairman extended a welcome to Mr. Barber and Mr. Chandler as newly elected representatives on the Executive and also to the other members who had been re-elected for a further term. He expressed the hope that the Executive would continue to work as efficiently and harmoniously as during the past year.

CONFERENCE DECISIONS were reviewed briefly and agreement reached on courses of action which should be adopted initially in each case to give effect to the wishes of the industry.

APPOINTMENT OF H.M.A. REPRESENTATIVE.

It was resolved unanimously "that Mr. J.W. Fraser be re-appointed as N.B.A. representative on the Honey Marketing Authority."

MEETING WITH HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY.

The Chairman advised that he had utilised the opportunity afforded by the presence of H.M.A. Members in Hamilton for calling a joint meeting of the two bodies. He expressed the opinion that an informal discussion on matters of mutual interest arising out of the Conference would prove beneficial.

Members concurred in this view and agreement was reached on the following points of discussion with the Authority.

1. Future issue of Price Indexes - decided that in view of our past experience with the Authority in the issue of Price Guides to the Industry that the N.B.A. offer to prepare and issue future Price Indexes after consultation with the Authority.
2. Application for Government Subsidy - decided to request the Authority to prepare and submit the application for a subsidy based on the Authority's inability to return the costs of production to its suppliers. - such application to be supported in



general terms by the N.B.A. in separate representations to the Government.

3. Industry Finance - decided to advise the H.M.A. that the Association would not support a further increase in the Seals Levy to provide finance for the redemption of the Authority's debt liability. After brief general discussion the meeting terminated with the arrival of H.M.A. personnel.

CONFIRMED.

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23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1957

CHAIRMAN.....

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REPORT AND MINUTES OF A COMBINED MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF  
THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERS OF THE HONEY  
MARKETING AUTHORITY, HELD IN THE RIVERINA HOTEL, HAMILTON ON  
THURSDAY 1ST. AUGUST 1957 AT 4.0 P.M.

PRESENT: Messrs. E.A. Field (Chairman H.M.A.), W. Herron, W.W. Nelson, T.E. Pearson for the H.M.A. Messrs. J.W. Fraser, G.E. Gumbrell, J.R. Barber, J.D. Lorimer, R.R. Chandler, H. Cloake and the General Secretary (Mr. R.A. Fraser) for the N.B.A.

ATTENDING: Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor "N.Z. Beekeeper."

APOLOGIES: Messrs. W.H. Chudley (Manager H.M.A.) and K.B. Longmore (Govt. Representative on H.M.A.)

CHAIRMAN: The meeting was presided over by Mr. J.W. Fraser.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE.

The Chairman, in welcoming the H.M.A. members stated that the Executive had felt that a number of matters arising out of the Conference deliberations were of mutual importance and interest to the two bodies and that the opportunity for joint discussions seemed too good to miss. He envisaged an informal discussion from which any decisions or resolutions could be subsequently ratified or otherwise at the bodies next individual meetings. He detailed the points which he considered should be discussed in particular.

Mr. Field stated that Authority members welcomed the Executive's invitation for a joint meeting and expressed agreement with the Chairman's interpretation of general scope and format.

ISSUE OF FUTURE PRICE GUIDES.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that Conference had asked the Authority to make itself responsible for the issue of future price guides and asked what the Authority's attitude was to this suggestion. He expressed the Executive's view that the coverage of prices should be at least as great as that which existed in the case of the first Price Index which the N.B.A. had issued.

Mr. Field expressed the view that the Authority could issue future price guides covering all stages of sale BUT only on those packs which the Authority handled. He felt that it would be impossible for the Authority to recommend prices on other packs on which it had no knowledge of packing costs.



Mr. Pearson expressed his personal opposition to the suggestion that the price guides should be limited to the Authority's six packs.

Mr. Cloake felt that N.B.A. members could and would be prepared to assist the Authority with information on packing costs for packs not handled by the Authority.

The Chairman stated The Executive's belief that the N.B.A. should undertake the preparation and distribution of price guides covering all packs listed in the Price Index No. 1 and that the Authority should assist to the extent of providing the prices in the first column (i.e. producer's price to wholesaler) on the basis of the cost of bulk honey plus packing charges. Although Conference had specifically asked the H.M.A. to undertake the whole job he felt that it was a case where the Executive could assist the Authority with a difficult job. Under such an arrangement the N.B.A. could recommend the subsequent selling prices after consultation with Merchants and Retailers representatives, thus saving the Authority, as a trading concern, embarrassment with other trading concerns.

Mr. Nelson supported this proposal and expressed his pleasure at the Executives offer, a view in which other Authority members acquiesced.

Mr. Cloake asked under whose name the future price guides so prepared would be issued. He felt that the name of the Authority would add weight to their authenticity as official recommendations of the industry's governing body in marketing.

Mr. Field saw a danger in this suggestion that any Index detailing recommended prices to Retailers and Consumers should purport to be the dictates of the H.M.A. He felt that the trade would regard this as undue interference in it's own affairs and a hostile attitude could be created which would affect the H.M.A's local market sales.

The Chairman suggested that this position could be overcome by the price guides being issued over the names of the N.B.A. and H.M.A. jointly. On the motion of Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell it was RESOLVED unanimously

"That future price indexes be issued by the National Beekeepers' Assn. of N.Z. (Inc.) in conjunction with the



N.Z. Honey Marketing Authority."

Mr. Nelson drew attention to an apparent discrepancy in the present index and asked whether the Executive planned to remedy the matter. It was generally felt however that individual prices should not be altered until the Index was revised as a whole and the need for such complete revision was not regarded as opportune at the present time.

APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDY.

Referring to the passage of Remit No. 12, the Chairman mentioned to H.M.A. members the Executive's view that as Conference desired a subsidy on H.M.A. payout, based on the Authority's inability to return the costs of production to suppliers that the case would best be prepared by the Authority itself from it's own figures. This would be preferable to the N.B.A. preparing and endeavouring the support a case based on figures which were not it's own. The Executive did consider however that it could and should support the H.M.A's case by separate but simultaneous application to the Government.

Mr. Field agreed in this view stating his belief that the Authority was best fitted to prepare a case based on it's own business operations. He felt that a perfectly valid claim for a subsidy could be prepared on the basis of the Authority's operations to date which would demonstrate the impossibility of returning recognised costs of production to suppliers on present levels of overseas prices and returns from local sales combined. If the N.B.A. supported the claims of the Authority and at the same time pressed the need for preserving beekeeping for the pollination service it provided in agriculture he felt there was every chance of success.

General agreement was expressed on this point and it was decided that the application for Government subsidy should be pursued by both bodies in this way.

Mr. Gumbrell suggested that the N.B.A's case on Pollination could be strengthened by the Government Honey Grader supplying information concerning the diminution of honey supplies from certain nectar sources which were being depleted by modern agricultural practices. Mr. Field promised to note this point.



INDUSTRY FINANCE.

Referring to Conference discussion on various aspects of Industry Finance, Mr. Field read correspondence which had passed between the Authority and the Minister of Agriculture in connection with the repayment of the H.M.A. debt. In this the Minister had suggested that provision for repayment could be made by means of an increase in the Seals Levy.

Mr. Nelson expressed his strong opposition to this proposal. For the industry to impose a further tax upon itself at the same time as requesting a Government Subsidy to enable an economic return to suppliers was a ridiculous situation he said.

General opposition to a further increase in the Seals Levy was expressed by everyone present.

Mr. Field re-iterated his view that it was impossible for the Authority to reduce its debt under the conditions which had been imposed on it when taking over from the I.M.D. - further, that the present position was the Government's responsibility. Mention was made of the surplus profits which the Government was holding following the winding-up of the old Internal Marketing Division, which had not been returned to the primary industries which had produced them. It was felt that the Authority should make an endeavour to obtain such of this money as belonged to the Beekeeping Industry.

General discussion ensued on a number of minor matters and the meeting terminated at 6.0 p.m.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE  
GRAND HOTEL WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY 23RD AND THURSDAY 24TH  
OCTOBER, 1957 COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT: Messrs. J.W. Fraser (Chairman), J.R. Barber, G.E. Gumbrell, J.D. Lorimer, H. Cloake, R.R. Chandler and the General Secretary (Mr. R.A. Fraser.)

ATTENDING Mr. J. McFadzien (Editor - N.Z. Beekeeper.) and Mr. E.D. Williams.

ATTENDANCE OF MR. WILLIAMS.

The Chairman explained that he had explicitly requested Mr. Williams to attend in view of the fact that the Executive would be discussing the question of an approach to the Government for industry assistance based on the apparently inequitable arrangement under which honey marketing had been transferred from Government control to Industry control. Mr. Williams had been President of the Association at that time and through his participation in the negotiations relating to the transfer, had a more intimate knowledge of the subject than any present member of the Executive.

On the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Lorimer it was resolved "that the Chairman's action in inviting Mr. Williams be endorsed.

H.M.A. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

The Chairman, as N.B.A. representative on the H.M.A. submitted a written report on the last meeting of the Authority and elaborated verbally on the many facets of the Authority's workings. Members expressed their continued confidence in him as their representative and thanked him for his report.

MEETING WITH DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

At 11.0 a.m. Messrs. A.M.W. Greig (Director of Horticulture) and T.S. Winter (Superintendent of Beekeeping) attended the meeting and after being welcomed by the Chairman, proceeded to detail matters of interest to the Industry as follows :-

Additional Research Officers :-

Two new appointments had been authorised. Of these one would be attached to Mr. T. Palmer-Jones at Wallaceville and engaged on purely scientific work. The other would be a Fields



Officer stationed at Oamaru who would carry out field trials in pollination and testing of insecticides as well as assisting with general apiary work. The Chairman asked whether the Fields Officer would receive any special designation, such as "Apiculturist" as it was felt by the Executive that such a title would add weight to any published findings on pollination. Mr. Greig stated that he agreed with this in principle but under existing staffing conditions in the Division it was unlikely that a specialist designation would be given immediately to the appointee.

#### Apiaries Act Amendment :-

Mr. Greig advised that further amendments to the Apiaries Act were pending which would cover the following matters :-

1. Acarine Disease precautions (Regulations would be drafted shortly and referred to the Executive for consideration prior to gazetting.)
2. Identification of Out-apiaries. (One code letter only would be used and the first draft of the scheme would be submitted to the General Secretary for circulation to Branches for consideration.)

#### Honey Export Control Act :-

This piece of legislation was now obsolete and would be revoked at an early date advised Mr. Greig.

#### Agricultural Chemicals Bill :-

The Director advised that the proposed legislation was again being reviewed at Departmental level and there was little likelihood of the matter being considered by the House in the immediate future. He suggested that the question be re-opened in personal interview with the new Minister of Agriculture after the General Election. Mr. Gumbrell advised that Federated Farmers were still anxious for 'toxic' materials to be defined and all executive members agreed that the Bill should be proceeded with so that machinery could be put in train to enable the testing and labelling of all new chemicals before they found their way out of the market for general use.

#### Honey House Standards :-

Mr. Greig advised that departmental surveys and inspections of



honey-houses disclosed the fact that many still did not reach the desired level of hygiene. Following reports from the H.M.A. that sub-standard honey was continually being received, the Department were now tightening up their requirements for honey-house construction and layout.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.40 p.m.

RESUMPTION: 2.0 p.m.

Mr. T. Palmer-Jones and Mr. T.S. Winter were in attendance at the invitation of the Executive.

Royal Jelly :-

Mr. Palmer-Jones stated that he had not personally undertaken any special research into the market possibilities of Royal Jelly since the overseas boom began. The therapeutic value of <sup>the</sup> material as a medical preparation had not been definitely established anywhere in the world which meant that the only guaranteed market appeared to be in the cosmetic field. After a full discussion it was generally felt that local beekeepers should exercise a considerable degree of caution before converting their apiaries or a major part of them to the production of Royal Jelly.

Research Assistant :-

In answer to questions Mr. Palmer-Jones said that when his new assistant arrived his future program of work would be confined mainly to research into various bee-diseases, diagnostic work, checking of new insecticides and pollination. All of this work was of a continuing nature and would be sufficient to occupy his staff for some years. Mr. Cloake asked whether it was proposed to do any research into improved strains of bees and also asked whether the importation of improved strains would be investigated. Mr. Palmer-Jones said that no such investigation was likely at present and he was personally opposed to the importation of bees owing to the danger of introducing diseases.

Diploma of Beekeeping :-

Members had been earlier supplied with a copy of the draft curriculum for the Diploma which had been prepared by Mr. T.S. Winter and this matter was now considered. Mr. Winter sought the Executive's views on the draft proposals. The draft was



considered at length and in the course of discussion noted the points raised by members with a view to further amendment.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5.40 p.m. with the Chairman thanking Messrs. Winter and Palmer-Jones for their attendance.

RESUMPTION: 8.15 p.m.

MINUTES:- of the meetings of the Executive held in Hamilton on 29th. July and 1st. August 1957 having been circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as were those of the joint meeting of the Executive and H.M.A. held on 1st. August 1957.

RE-IMPOSITION OF PRICE CONTROL.

The Secretary recounted the action which had been taken following the receipt of advice that honey sales had been returned to Price Control i.e. Telegrams to Executive-members, circular to Branches and direct members, and re-print of the new Price Order in the August issue of the N.Z. Beekeeper. The Chairman reported that in company with the General Secretary he had called on Mr. R.M. Barker, Secretary of the Master Grocers' Federation in an endeavour to come to some understanding over retailers margins of profit but that the visit had not produced any definite progress in this direction. An interview had been held with the Director of Price Control (Mr. McLaughlin) on 22nd. October in which an indication had been sought as to the likely duration of control and the Division's reaction to re-sellers' margins of profit. The Chairman stated that it had been learned that Price Control on honey would very likely be removed again in December of this year (depending on the state of the political scene) in which case resellers margins would be unrestricted. Mr. McLaughlin had expressed the opinion that the Association should make a direct personal approach to the Minister if it was concerned as to re-sellers margins. Discussion on the matter was held over until a later part of the meeting when finally the following resolution moved by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Cloake was carried. "That with a view to achieving co-operation with Merchants and Retailers, their written views be sought as to the minimum margins which they consider acceptable, and further,



immediately after the General Election, another approach be made on the basis of the likely decontrol of prices in which they be advised of the Association's concern at a possible decline in honey sales as a result of increased prices and of the Association's intention to take the matter up with the Minister if agreement over margins is not reached."

#### HONEY-MEAD.

Further to the application to the Wine Industry Sub. Committee of the House, for the licensing of production and sale of Honey-Mead, the Secretary read the Committee's report to the House which had just recently come to hand. The report did not favour the licensing of honey-mead at the present time but suggested that the research into production which had been carried out by the Department of Agriculture be continued.

After lengthy discussion it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Chandler "That the attention of the Director of Horticulture be drawn to the Committee's report and that the Department be asked to continue with it's research as the industry is still interested in the possibility of licensing Honey Mead for sale."

#### TOXIC PESTICIDES.

Mr. Gumbrell drew attention to a weakness which existed in the recently-passed Apiaries Act Regulations which permitted toxic pesticides to be applied to flowering pasture. On the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Cloake it was resolved :-

"That this Executive seek further amendment to the Apiaries Regulations extending the prohibition on spraying or dusting with toxic chemicals to include all flowering crops including pasture."

#### JOURNAL REPORT.

The Editor, Mr. McFadzien, reported on the steps which he had taken in effecting the changeover from the Beynon Printing Co. Ltd. to the Herald Printing Works Ltd. He proposed several changes in the layout of future issues as follows :-

1. Bee Emblem to be removed from the front cover and in lieu thereof one third (top) to be devoted



to the title in colour (different colour each issue) and the balance of the page (two-thirds) to be devoted to a photograph (changed each issue.)

2. Page numbering to appear on the bottom of each page instead of the top.
3. Flat wrappers to be used for posting instead of envelopes.

These matters were discussed with interest and the Editor's proposals agreed to in their entirety.

#### JOURNAL POLICY.

A. ADVERTISING. The question was raised as to the advisability of raising advertising rates to assist the Association's finances. The Editor however considered that the present rates were high enough and advised against an increase.

B. EDITORIALS. The Chairman suggested that the Editor should have more licence in the writing and publishing of editorial comment. The practice of past Executives had been to discourage editorials and where they were written to have them vetted by the President before publication. The Editor Stated that he found the present system quite acceptable and would be personally reluctant to change. It was decided to leave the matter as it stood.

#### C. ASSOCIATION PROPOGANDA.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that more use should be made of photographers in keeping the Association's officers before beekeepers generally as the Industry's leaders. He considered it important, that those who served the industry in the Association should become well known to all beekeepers in order that their position and standing be properly recognised in all matters relating to the industry's welfare. After full discussion in which members generally agreed with the Chairman's sentiments it was decided that the practice of projecting Association personalities through the medium of the journal be adopted as policy forthwith.



ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

RESUMPTION: Thursday 24th. October 9.15 a.m.

DEPARTMENTAL CRITISCISM.

Mr. T.S. Winter waited upon the Executive for the purpose of confidentially acquainting members with some recent happenings in Canterbury in which the Department's Apiary Instructor had been strongly criticised. The position had arisen over the display of some departmental maps showing the position of existing apiary sites and had resulted in some beekeepers shifting their apiaries into established localities with unfortunate overlapping of sites with existing beekeepers. Mr. Winter was anxious that the Executive know the full story as he understood a resolution would be forthcoming from a special meeting of beekeepers in the area. Moved by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Lorimer "That rather than delay the matter until the next meeting of the Executive any resolution coming forward from the Canterbury Branch be forwarded to the Department for reply and that reply be conveyed back to the Branch." - Carried.

H.M.A. SECOND-GRADE PACK AT REDUCED PRICE.

Following the H.M.A. Representative's earlier report that the Honey Marketing Authority proposed marketing a second pack of between 85 - 95 colour points at 2d per lb. less than the standard pack, a lively discussion ensued. The following resolution moved by Mr. Lorimer and seconded pro-forma by Mr. Gumbrell was then considered. "That it be a recommendation to the Marketing Authority that a second pack be established with an approximate colour grade of 70 - 80 points for sale to the public at 2d per lb. below the existing price level, provided the returns to suppliers are comparable to the return from the export market."

After further lengthy consideration the following amendment moved by Mr. Gumbrell and seconded by Mr. Cloake was put and carried and on being put as the substantive motion was also carried :-

"That if the Honey Marketing Authority place a second pack on the local market this Executive is adamant that the container should be appropriately branded and further that such pack should not be sold for less than the present price of the Authority's



existing pack."

(Mr. Lorimer recorded his vote against the motion.)

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

Referring to Conference remit No. 19 and to the case prepared by Mr. Barber (circulated to members prior to the meeting) the Chairman advised that the H.M.A. had considered the matter at it's meeting on 15th. October and at which the General Secretary and Mr. Barber had attended. As a result of the H.M.A's deliberations, that body had decided to prepare a report on it's inability to return the recognised costs of production to suppliers and submit same to the Minister of Agriculture, forwarding a copy to the Executive N.B.A. This would then enable the Association to prepare and press a case for Government assistance based upon a factual position while at the same time introducing such matters as the importance of pollination provides indirectly by the industry. This course was generally agreed to by members and it was decided on the motion of Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Barber "That the H.M.A. be asked to place their report before the Executive for comment prior to submission to the Minister." 19/11/57

It was further resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Barber

- "That
- (1) The Extension Division be asked to bring the Cost-of-Production survey up to date. 17/11/57
  - (2) The General Secretary prepare a case for assistance along the lines of that prepared in 1953 (this to be done after receipt of the H.M.A's report and the Cost-of-Production revision.)
  - (3) The case be put personally to the Minister by a deputation from the Executive in conjunction with the Chairman of the Authority.
  - (4) The form of assistance sought be as recommended by the H.M.A. or as members shall decide upon consideration."

VISIT INCOMING MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

Referring to the Director of Horticulture's comments and the general desirability of acquainting the new Minister of Agriculture with the industry's problems as soon as possible after



the election, the Chairman sought authority for the proposed visit of himself and the General Secretary. It was moved by Mr. Gumbrell and seconded by Mr. Cloake "That the question of the date and urgency of a visit to the new Minister be left to the diserection of the Chairman." - Carried.

#### H.M.A. ELECTIONS.

The following resolution from Canterbury Branch was to hand "That in view of the fact that many apiarists live a considerable distance from a Justice of the Peace, that their declarations of honey supplied to a producer packer be witnessed by a Postmaster, Clergyman, Solicitor etc, in addition to the Justice of the Peace."

In this connection it was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Lorimer "That the necessary action be taken to accede to the request." - Carried.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT.

The Secretary advised that the Stenographer had failed to produce a report along the lines requested and it was therefore not possible to supply branches with any more detailed account than had appeared in the August issue of the N.Z. Beekeeper. The Secretary had written to the Stenographer prior to Conference detailing his requirements but these had not been complied with. An account for £18. 11. 3 had been tendered. While members were disappointed with the position it was felt that little could be done about the matter and the account would have to be paid.

On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell it was resolved "That Mrs. Wickes' account for £18. 11. 3 be paid."

The Secretary expressed the opinion that he could prepare a precis of Conference himself that would be more accurate than the reports of stenographers engaged over recent years and it was decided that for future conferences the engagement of a stenographer be left to the discretion of the Secretary.

#### SEALS REVENUE.

With reference to Conference Remit No. 9 members felt that from enquiries made to Carton Manufacturers and the information



obtained from them, the pursuing of an investigation into the apparent discrepancy between Seals Revenue and the dominion honey crop by the Executive could not achieve any worthwhile results. Accordingly it was decided to refer the remit to the Honey Marketing Authority for comment and for investigation as it saw fit.

POWER SUPPLY CHARGES.

Arising from discussion on Conference remit No. 29 it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Lorimer seconded by Mr. Barber "That an enquiry be made to the Electrical Supply Authorities Assn. to ascertain the most economical rating classification into which honey producers' shed supply could be included."

CORRESPONDENCE (MISCELLANEOUS) was read and dealt with as follows :-

TO The Secretary, N.Z. Master Grocers' Federation re Honey Price (dated 19.8.57, 10.9.57, 16.9.57, 30.9.57.) - approved.

FROM Same - (dated 22.8.57, 12.9.57) - received.

TO The Manager H.M.A. conveying various Conference resolutions - approved (No reply to hand)

TO The Minister of Agriculture conveying Conference resolutions re pollination and need for extra research. - approved.

FROM Same in reply and advising appointment of two additional research officers to assist the industry. - received.

TO Same - conveying various conference resolutions on miscellaneous matters - approved.

FROM Same (Hon. S.W. Smith) advising position with regard to points raised - received.

TO Hon. K.J. Holyoake on his appointment as Prime Minister - approved.

FROM Same in reply with thanks - received.

FROM Fletcher Industries - re development of Ply-wood hive-mats. - received.

TO Same in reply and also to Superintendant of Beekeeping and Editor N.Z. Beekeeper. - approved.



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FROM Editor - Otago Daily Times re letters to the  
Editor concerning the H.M.A. - received.

TO Same in reply - approved.

FROM Griffin Bros. - re special depreciation on honey-  
house plant.

TO Commissioner of Inland Revenue in same connection  
- approved.

FROM Commissioner of Inland Revenue in reply and advising  
that special allowance would be granted. - Received.

TO Griffin Bros. - in reply - approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The General Secretary submitted a financial statement detailing present position and estimates of income and expenditure for the balance of the year. The latter disclosed an estimated net deficiency at the end of the year of £664 after making allowance for £500 already drawn from the Seals Provision Account. This indicated that even if the full allowance of £1000 was drawn from the H.M.A. (i.e. another £500 over and above that already drawn) the Association would still close it's financial year approximately £164 in debt. Considerable discussion ensued on the matter of Association finance and a number of suggestions for either increasing revenue or reducing expenditure were considered. No finality was reached in this regard however although general agreement was expressed that the normal February Executive meeting should not be held unless absolutely necessary.

BANK AUTHORITY.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. J.D. Lorimer, seconded by Mr. H. Cloake "That any one member of the Executive jointly with the General Secretary be and are hereby appointed to operate the account of The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated kept with the Bank of New Zealand at Foxton, and that the Bank be requested to honour and charge to the said account all Cheques drawn and all Bills of Exchange or Promissory Notes accepted or made by them on behalf of the Corporation whether the balance of the said account be credit or debit and further that the General Secretary be empowered to endorse



Cheques, Drafts, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and other negotiable instruments on behalf of the Corporation, and further that all previous resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account are hereby superseded, and further that the authority granted by this Resolution shall subsist until superseded by a further Resolution of the General Executive.

GENERAL.

Timing of Executive Meetings :-

Messrs. Barber and Chandler raised the question as to whether the normal October and February Executive meetings could not be held at another time as they personally found these periods inconvenient. There was some discussion on this point, the Chairman pointing out the desirability of holding the meetings immediately following H.M.A. meetings where possible. By coincidence matters of topical importance had often arisen early in the New Year necessitating the holding of a meeting in February.

It was decided to leave the timing of meetings to the discretion of the Chairman and the General Secretary as in the past.

Leadership Training :-

The Secretary asked members whether they considered that a change in the format of meetings and the running of Seminettes on Leadership Training would encourage greater participation of members in branch affairs while at the same time giving opportunities to younger members to develop leadership qualities. The matter was discussed with some interest but no finality reached.

Creation of New Executive Post :-

The Chairman sought the opinion of members on the desirability if not necessity for creating the office of Immediate-Past-President on the Executive. He felt that this could prove of some value, especially where a completely new Executive took office, in that there would be some continuity of policy and a useful source of background knowledge for new members. This could particularly apply in the case of a change of Secretary at the same time as a change



of Executive personnel.

Members generally did not favour the idea however and the matter lapsed.

H.M.A. SALES ON LOCAL MARKET.

This matter was brought forward from discussion on the H.M.A. Representative's report. After a full and searching discussion the following resolution, moved by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Barber was put and carried.

"That the Marketing Authority be advised that the Executive considers that the appointment of an agent has been a complete failure as far as the sale of honey is concerned and that the Authority make every endeavour to find a salesman capable of increasing sales."

This concluded the business of the meeting which then terminated.

CONFIRMED.

DATE. ..... 7<sup>th</sup> May 1958 .....

CHAIRMAN.....  .....